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Krestova BC V0G 1H2

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TO: Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
845 Columbia Avenue  
Castlegar, BC V1N 1H3  
Attn: Christine Lohr, R.P.F., Land Officer

BC Agricultural Land Commission  
133-4940 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V5G 4K6  
Attn: Lindsay McCoubrey, Executive Director

Ministry of Energy and Mines  
1902 Theatre Road  
Cranbrook, BC V1C 7G1  
Attn: Lloyd Bell

Regional District of Central Kootenay  
Box 590, 202 Lakeside Dr  
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4  
Attn: Walter Popoff, Director - Area H

Katrine Conroy, MLA  
#2 - 1006 3rd Street  
Castlegar, BC V1N 3X6

RE: Petition to Stop Gravel Extraction and Processing in the Community of Krestova, BC

Attached please find a petition from residents of the community of Krestova regarding the application by Nick Boulin (JNP Contracting Ltd) to expand his gravel quarry on Lot 68, DL 7369, Plan 5921. The petition requests agencies of the Province of British Columbia, as well as the Regional District of Central Kootenay, to take action to prevent the expansion and continuation of the proponent's gravel operations in Krestova.

The petition (Attachment 1) was taken door-to-door in Krestova by eight volunteers from the community. Volunteers explained the situation to the best of their ability to each household contacted, and ensured that those wishing to sign fully understood the intent of petition. Once word of the petition spread through the community, the volunteers were commonly called by residents wanting to add their voice to the process.

Complete coverage of the community was not possible given the time allowed for public consultation on this proposed development. However, we wanted to ensure a fair opportunity for all residents of the community to participate. An information notice (Attachment 2) was therefore sent directly via Canada Post to 300 households located in

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It is very important to understand that many who signed the petition would not, under any circumstances, write a letter of protest. This has nothing to do with the strength of their opinion, but relates to the culture and history of the community. For these people, the petition should be viewed as the equivalent of a letter. Signing the document was taken very seriously, and even more so for those who are friends or relatives of the proponent. Please note that some who signed this petition had also signed an earlier petition in support of the proponent's application in 2009. These people have told us they now have a clearer understanding of the scope of the gravel operation, as well as the impacts to the land and community.

The petition indicates the community is strongly united in its opposition to the developments proposed by JNP Contracting Ltd. As a result, we request your assistance in providing additional, multi-agency consultation with the residents if the proponent's proposal is likely to be approved. Many residents are very concerned that their input appears to have been ignored during the last round of consultation in 2009, and want to be sure their concerns are heard and questions fully answered before any decisions are made.

Yours truly,

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Attachments

Attachment 1. Petition to stop gravel extraction and processing in the community of Krestova  
(30 pages, 216 signatures).

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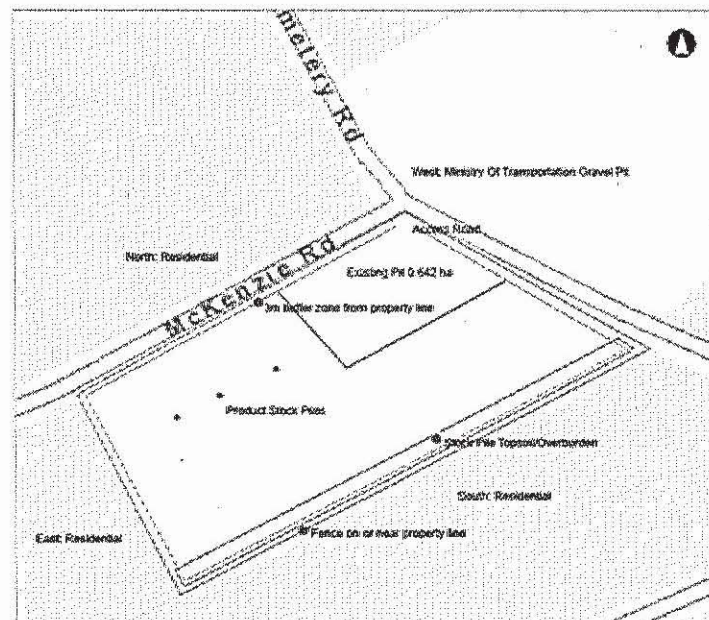
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The application can be viewed on the internet at this address:

<http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/viewpost.jsp?PostID=45805>

In summary, the application states that all of Lot 68, DL 7369, Plan 5921 (approximately 3 hectares) is being requested for inclusion in the gravel pit. The map below shows the existing pit (approximately 0.6 hectares) and the additional area proposed for inclusion. The application states "A mobile crusher/screener unit may be used in future operations".



*If you wish to comment on this application, you must do so by July 11, 2014.* Send your questions and comments to:

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**NOTE: This information leaflet was prepared and postage paid for by concerned Krestova residents.**